Lord Nityananda Converts Jagai and Madhai 4

SCENE ONE

Narrator: Five hundred years ago in West Bengal, India, Krsna appeared as Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to deliver a sublime and easy method for all people everywhere to engage fully in Krsna Consciousness and become purified - the chanting of the Maha Mantra. Lord Caitanya requested His associates Nityananda Prabhu and Haridas Thakur to engage in preaching the importance of chanting Hare Krsna to all men and women regardless of class, race of religious creed. They would go out everyday and venture into unfamiliar neighborhoods to go door to door imploring all persons without discrimination to chant Hare Krsna in order to experience pure love of Krsna. At night, they would report the results of their daily preaching to Sri Caitanya. Mahaprabhu was very pleased with their daring forays into the streets and byways. He was especially pleased with their uninhibited methods of sharing the mercy of the Holy Names with the fallen and faithless.

Caitanya: My dear Nityananda and Haridasa, you are both dear to My heart. I think that only you, dear well-wishers, can relieve me of my anxiety.

Nityananda: Anxiety, prabhu? What anxiety?

Caitanya: Yes, I am now feeling a great mental anguish when I think of the multitudes of human beings suffering because of ignorance of the cooling shelter of the Lord. They are unaware of the mission of human life. Human life is meant to develop our love of Krsna and get out of the cycle of birth and death. Because of ignorance, they hopelessly embrace material pleasure as the reason for life itself.

Haridasa: My dear Lord, do not experience anxiety or be unhappy to see the unfortunate condition of people in material existence. They do not yet realize how much greater Krsna Consciousness is but in time they will.

Caitanya: Haridasa, please understand that they are constantly cheated by birth, disease, old age and death. I feel pain in My heart and head. Why should they suffer needlessly? Oh, how will these people be delivered?

Haridasa: They have good opportunity because You have descended as a devotee of Krsna to teach us how salvation from repeated birth can be attained by the chanting of Hare Krsna and dancing. Everyday, Nityananda Prabhu and I go out chanting the Maha Mantra and telling everyone about Your mission. (Nityananda Prabhu sings a bhajan) This Holy Name is so powerful that, if someone sincerely utters it even once,

they can be freed from all karmic results and transcend their sinful past, achieving Krsnaloka in this lifetime.

Caitanya: Jai! With such strong faith in the Holy Names you two will bring the suffering of the whole world to an end!

SCENE TWO

Narrator: The next day, while chanting and preaching in the streets of Navadvip they saw a noisy crowd assembled. In the center of the crowd were two drunken brothers named Jagai and Madhai. They were creating a shameful disturbance.

Haridasa: Why are so many people assembled? Let's ask them what the disturbance is.

Nityananda: (to a bystander) Dear sir, has there been an accident of some kind?

Bystander: These are the two brothers, Jagai and Madhai making public fools of themselves again. They come from a respectable Brahman family but they spend their days drinking, fighting, hunting prostitutes and performing all manner of sinful activities.

Nityananda: If we can touch the hearts of these two lost souls with the soothing balm of the Holy Names then the potency of Lord Caitanya's teaching will be renowned and many more people will accept the path of Krsna bhakti.
(Jagai and Madhai start to move back and scare away the crowd.)

Madhai: Okay, shows over, go home!

Jagai: Spit wine on them, Madhai that usually gets them moving!
(All the townspeople leave. Nityananda and Haridasa Thakur are having a kirtan.)

Madhai: (making faces) What's that horrible noise!? (holding his ears)

Jagai: Sounds familiar ... hmmm, I just can't place it. I think it's those Hairless Krsnas!

Madhai: HaHaHaReeRee KrKrKr ... I can't even say it, anymore!

Jagai: Krsna! They sing the names of Krsna in public, you know, like our father used to do.

Madhai: Ahh, it makes me sick!

Jagai: Yeah, exhibitionists! Meddlesome faultfinders and parasites!

Madhai: It's a public disgrace!

Jagai: Isn't this a Muslim-run village? Where are the constables when you need them??

Nityananda: (as Haridasa Thakur sings Hare Krsna nervously) Dear Brothers, just try to chant this Hare Krsna mantra and become happy and free from anger and addiction. It's the most joyful way to become free from sin and back on the path of liberation from birth and death! Come on, sing it with us!

Jagai: You must be crazier than we are!

Madhai: Us, chant!? Huhhuh ReeeeKuhhhh ... I could never chant that in a million years! You two should be locked up and the key thrown into the Ganga!

Jagai: Yeah, for disturbing our peace! Chanting fools!

Madhai: Let's beat them up! Come on!
(They chase Nityananda and Haridasa Thakur off the stage.)

SCENE THREE

Caitanya: How did your preaching fare today, prabhus?

Nityananda: We met two fallen souls, the tragic sons of a Brahman, now drunkards and worse, My Lord.

Haridasa: We pleaded with them to surrender to the Holy Name and instead they chased after us with evil intentions. We barely avoided their drunken blows.

Caitanya: This is a difficult era, my friends. The human race has become a rat race and men and women cannot tell good from bad. It is a time of spiritual darkness and I have come to uplift the troubled souls of this age.

Haridasa: We know that Your causeless mercy is deeper than the waters of Gangamayi in the monsoon season but surely some souls are beyond redemption.

Caitanya: My dear prabhus, these two brothers are typical of the confusion afflicting the sanity of the world's population. Despite high birth and education,, they have become degraded. If they even slightly desire liberation, I shall help them. One day, even they will chant the Holy Name and associate with aspiring devotees and they will lose their taste for intoxication and unholy sex life.

SCENE FOUR

(Jagai and Madhai are drinking and playing dice as Nityananda and Haridasa Thakur enter, singing and dancing very blissfully.)

Nityananda: Hare Krsna, my dear brothers, please give me but a moment of your time.

Jagai: Those fools are back again!!

Haridasa: We are only here to implore you to chant the Hare Krsna mantra. These names can give you a greater happiness than you have ever imagined!!

Nityananda: In the name of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu I request both of you to chant Hare Krsna!

Madhai: And my request is that you be gone!!
(Madhai throws a piece of clay pot at Nityananda and hits Nityananda in the head. Haridasa Thakur holds Nityananda up. Jagai and Madhai laugh.)

Nityananda: It does not matter that you have thrown this pot at Me, I again implore you to chant the holy Names of Krsna and free yourselves from the pain of anger! Chant and become happy!

Madhai: I'm gonna throw another one!

Jagai: Wait, Madhai! Did you hear that? He doesn't mind that we throw things at Him! This guys a saint. He's the real thing, Madhai!

Madhai: Jagai, have you gone mad? This man is an imposter not a saint! Now, he has turned you against me! You rascal Vaisnava, I'll finish you off for this!!

Jagai: No, Madhai! We should surrender ...
(Jagai wrestles with Madhai for a few moments and Sri Caitanya suddenly appears, angrily displaying His chakra weapon to kill them.)

Caitanya: I can forgive any offense to Myself, but I cannot tolerate an offense to My devotees. I will kill you!!

(Jagai and Madhai cower in terror. Nityananda Prabhu steps in front of them and tries to restrain Lord Caitanya.)

Nityananda: My Lord! My Lord, please remember the purpose of Your mission! You have come to save such fallen souls. If You kill these two brothers then You will have to kill almost everyone else because these two are typical of the fallen condition of men in this age. Please, instead give them Your mercy and save them the material snare of illusion!

Jagai: Yes! We are so sorry, Lord! We're fallen, please save us!

Madhai: We didn't mean it! We have been in such bad maya for so long! I'm sorry please forgive me for offending Your devotee!

Nityananda: Just hear them, Lord! They have sincerely requested Your mercy! My wound is not grave and I want to forgive them. I beg You to forgive them, Lord.

Jagai: We'll chant all the time!

Madhai: We'll be your servants!

Caitanya: Because You have requested My mercy on their behalf, I will accept them as My bhaktas (turning to Jagai and Madai) You must give up meat-eating, intoxication, womanizing and gambling. If you are willing to make these changes then I will accept you as students and give you My full blessing!

Jagai: Yes! I will never do these things ever again! I'll just chant Hare Krsna all the time! Thank you!

Madhai: Yes, I promise!! Thank You!

Caitanya: Then rise up, my sons! Rise up! I forgive your sins and ignorance. It is this submission to spiritual guidance that justifies your human birth. Now take these names into Your heart and chant Hare Krsna! At last, Jagai and Madhai have returned to our party!! Hari Bol! Hari Bol! (Kirtan)